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Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, that the document listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g) and (h), Applicant makes no representation that this document qualifies as prior art or that this document is material to patentability of the present application or that a search has been made.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1)(iii), a copy of the cited U.S. patent application is not included.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), Applicant believes that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of the first Official Action in this case.